

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Carlton Soil and Water Conservation District FY09 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

- A. Water Resource Protection- Ground Water Protection
- B. Habitat Improvement- Sharp tail Grouse Habitat
- C. Water Resource Protection- Stream Bank Erosion
- D. Prescribed Grazing- Livestock Grazing and Watering
- E. Water Resource Protection- Nutrient Management.
- F. Forest Management- Maintain Tree Plantings

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

Nemadji River Watershed tree planting to reduce stream bank erosion. County Wide stream bank erosion. County Wide Nutrient Management. County Wide Pasture Management. Sharp tailed grouse habitat improvement within 2 miles of identified Leks. Sealing wells within the County "Drinking Water Supply Management Areas" (DWSMA). Maps showing the above mentioned areas area located at the Duluth MN NRCS Field Office.

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

Applications to plant trees in the >40% open sub watersheds in the Nemadji River Watershed.

Applications to install Prescribed Grazing.

Applications to install Nutrient Management.

Applications that include practice 647 within 2 miles of a mapped sharp tailed grouse lek

Applications to decommission abandoned wells within DWSMA

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

Water Resource Protection - Stream bank erosion in the Nemadji River Watershed. Application will plant trees in the >40% open sub watersheds in the Nemadji River Watershed using practices Tree/Shrub Establishment (612), Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645), Forest Riparian Buffer (391), or Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (643). 5 points

Forest Management - Maintain Tree Plantings. Application will apply animal damage control under practice Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645) and weed control measures under practices Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645) or Tree/Shrub Establishment (612). 6 points

Water Resource Protection- Stream Bank Erosion. Application will install practice Riparian Forest Buffer (391) in a riparian zone identified on the MNDNR 200 foot riparian zone map. 6 points

Prescribed Grazing- Livestock Grazing and Watering. Application will install Prescribed Grazing (528). 3 points

Prescribed Grazing- Livestock Grazing and Watering. Application will use Prescribed Grazing (528) in riparian areas to maintain a minimum 6 inch grass height. 5 points

Prescribed Grazing- Livestock Grazing and Watering. Application will result in the installation of Use Exclusion (472) or managed access Stream Crossing (578) in Riparian areas. 6 points

Habitat Improvement- Sharp tail Grouse Habitat. Application will install practice Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (647) within 2 miles of a mapped sharp tail grouse lek. 2 points

Water Resource Protection- Ground Water Protection. Application will install practice Well Decommissioning (351) within a County "Drinking Water Supply Management Areas". 2 points

Water Resource Protection- Nutrient Management. Application will install the practice Nutrient Management (590). 5 points

- 5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions must equal exactly 40 points.
- 6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.
- 7. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document .

NONE.

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Chair, Local Work Group	Date
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